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In re Application of: Franks et al

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For: Neutral Deinking with a Deinking Composition Comprising a Lipase and a Fatty Acid Ester

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

3. (Amended.) A method according to claim 1, wherein the wastepaper comprises old newspapers.

4. (Amended.) A method according to claim 3, wherein the amount of old newspapers constitutes at least 10% by weight of the total amount of wastepaper.

5. (Amended.) A method according to claim 4, wherein the wastepaper consists essentially of old newspapers.

6. (Amended.) A method according to claim 1, wherein the wastepaper comprises waste magazines.